

- tions and rules prescribed by the Park Commissioner.
- E. Picnic or lunch in places other than those designated for that purpose. Park attendants are authorized to regulate such activities to prevent interference and secure maximum comfort and convenience to all.
- F. Conduct games or sports contrary to the instructions and directions of park attendants.
- G. Use water spigots to wash clothes, dishes or your person under them. Water spigots are provided for obtaining drinking and/or cooking water only. Water spigots may not be permanently hooked up to a trailer campsite.

378-7. OPERATING POLICIES.

- A. The Park Commissioner or his designee shall prescribe the times and hours during which the park or areas therein are open and shall post such and other information on a park bulletin board and elsewhere as he may determine. The Commissioner or his designee may close a park or areas therein at any time and for any intervals or either entirely or as to certain uses.
- B. Permits.
 - (1) A permit shall be obtained from the Park Commissioner or his designee before entering a park in the following instances:
 - (a) Buses on scheduled or charter trips.
 - (b) Groups and organizations comprising ten (10) or more persons attending at a single occasion.
 - (c) Persons desiring to use the park or portion thereof for a special event, celebration or group-sponsored activity.
 - (d) To bring into any park beer, ale or other alcoholic beverages.
 - (2) Such permit shall be upon application made in such form and containing such information as the Park Commissioner prescribes, including the name and address of the applicant and of the person or group involved, the day and hours for which the permit is desired, the area for which use is desired and the estimated number of anticipated attendance; provided, however, the Park Commissioner may waive the requirement of a permit.
 - (3) The Park Commissioner, in determining whether to issue such permit, may consider whether the proposed purpose will unreasonably interfere with general public enjoyment considering the areas and facilities available, whether the proposed purpose is reasonably anticipated to incite disorder or will entail burdensome police duties or other duties beyond the scope of the usual burdens of park personnel, attendants and lifeguards and whether the facilities desired are available.
 - (4) Any permittee shall be bound by all park rules and regulations, and the Commissioner may revoke any permit for violation of any park rules or regulations.
 - (5) The Park Commissioner may provide for issuance of permits in the form of tags or otherwise for persons or vehicles to indicate eligibility to attend the park.

- (6) In those parks through which a county-maintained road passes, the Park Commissioner or his designee may, by order, prescribe maximum and/or minimum speed limits for said road within the park itself and cause same to be posted therein.
- C. Fees. There shall be collected by the Commissioner or his designee, any fees as may from time to time be established by the County Legislature. The current fee schedule shall be conspicuously posted in all parks.
- D. Firewood. [Added 3-25-80 by L.L. No. 9-1980]

- (1) Notwithstanding the prohibition set forth in 378-4A(16) and (18) herein, the Commissioner may establish rules and regulations to allow citizens of Suffolk County parks to obtain wood which has either fallen down or has been cut down by authorized agents. In adopting such rules and regulations, the Commissioner may establish a fee of no more than fifteen dollars (\$15). Further, such rules and regulations shall establish a system, whether by lot or otherwise, to ensure that all interested residents of Suffolk County will have an equal opportunity to obtain wood.
- (2) An individual can be permitted to remove wood only upon approval by the Commissioner. In making application for approval, the applicant must state that all wood removed from the Park will be used by the individual for personal use in heating his residence. In addition, no individual will be allowed to remove more than two (2) cords of wood within any twelve-month period. In issuing a permit to remove wood, the Commissioner shall specifically designate the fallen trees which the applicant can cut to appropriate lengths for removal. Violation of any rule or regulation established pursuant to this subsection or violation of the terms of the permit shall be punishable pursuant to 378-9 herein.

378-8. TRAFFIC AND PARKING.

- A. All persons entering or in a park shall comply with the state vehicle and traffic laws, obey all park police and park employees directing traffic and comply with posted signs and such supplementary directions as may be given by a park police or park personnel at any time.
- B. All persons entering or in a park shall drive and park any vehicle only on park roads and park areas specifically designated for use by the Park Commissioner and shall comply with posted directions and instructions of any park attendant, police officer or park police.
- C. The Park Commissioner shall set such speed limits as he shall determine and may, by order, prescribe the direction in which vehicles shall proceed and the places where vehicles shall stop, turn or otherwise maneuver.
- D. The Park Commissioner shall cause such appropriate signs to be erected and pavement markings to be made or other devices installed as he shall deem necessary for the

enforcement of those rules of regulations or any other authorized herein.

- E. Persons operating vehicles within the park shall at all times observe and obey the directions, orders and instructions appearing upon or conveyed by signs, pavement markings or other devices relating to the parking, standing or stopping of vehicles or how vehicles shall be operated or the place or manner in which vehicles shall be stopped, turned or otherwise maneuvered.
- F. The orders of the Park Commissioner promulgated under the authority contained herein shall become effective as provided by said orders when the approved signs and markings have been erected and installed giving notice thereof.

378-9. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES.

- A. Any person violating any of the rules or regulations prescribed hereunder or any direction, order or instructions given by anyone authorized to enforce such rules and regulations, or by any official sign or pavement marking, shall be guilty of an offense and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250; and in addition thereto, any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of any rule or regulation herein contained may be suspended or revoked.
- B. In lieu of criminal action against any person for such violations, a penalty in an amount not to exceed \$250 may be recovered by the county in an action with respect to any single violation. Notwithstanding the above sentence, however, a penalty in an amount of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 per violation may be recovered by the county in an action with respect to the illegal removal or cutting of wood or standing trees. [Amended 3-25-80 by L.L. No. 9-1980]

378-10. ENFORCEMENT.

The Commissioner, his representatives, park personnel, lifeguards, park police and members of the Sheriff's office or any police force shall enforce these rules and regulations and shall have the authority to cause to be removed from a park any person violating or acting in violation of these parks rules and regulations.

378-11. PROMULGATION OF ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Commissioner may make additional rules and regulations which he deems necessary to carry into effect the intent of this chapter. Such rules and regulations shall not take effect until a copy is on file with the Clerk of the Suffolk County Legislature. The Commissioner shall not have authority to amend this chapter except to propose additional rules as set forth above.

Rules and Regulations



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PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 - 378-11. Promulgation of additional rules and regulations.
- [HISTORY: Adopted by the Suffolk County Legislature 5-22-79 as L.L. No. 16-1979. Amendments noted where applicable].

378-1. TITLE.

This chapter may be known and cited as the “Rules and Regulations for the Use of Suffolk County Parks.”

378-2. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - The Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, a body of ten (10) members and the Commissioner of Public Works, County Executive and Chairman of the Suffolk County Legislature, as constituted by Local Law No. 1-1966, and herein referred to as the “Park Commission.”

COUNTY - The County of Suffolk.

PARK COMMISSIONER - The Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, the appointed administrative head of all parks and beaches in Suffolk County as defined in Local Law No. 1-1966, and to the extent that the County Legislature has authorized a park police force, he shall be in charge of thereof.

PARK or PARK PROPERTY - Any park, play area, beach, recreation area or other area in Suffolk County designated or set apart by the County Legislature for park or recreation purposes as the same is more particularly defined in C28-2 of the Suffolk County Charter.

PERSON - Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

VEHICLE - Any motor vehicle as defined in the Vehicle and Traffic Law, or other conveyance or device for transportation of persons or property, whether motor-powered or animal-drawn, except those self-propelled instruments such as bicycles, skateboards, wagons, etc. when permitted.

378-3. PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO USE PARKS.

A. Parks and parks property of Suffolk County are for the exclusive use of residents of Suffolk County, except as otherwise may be duly prescribed from time to time by the Suffolk County Legislature.

B. The county parks shall be open to use by the following persons, subject to all rules and regulations governing same:

- (1) Bona fide residents of the County of Suffolk and their guests.
 - (2) Any person owning real property assessed upon any town assessment roll in Suffolk County.
 - (3) Any person in possession of real property in the county under verbal or written lease.
 - (4) Any person who is a registered guest of a bona fide hotel, motel or lodging or rooming house in the county and so certified by the person owning, leasing or managing such hotel, motel or lodging or rooming house. The total of such persons certified at no time shall exceed the capacity of the hotel, motel or lodging or rooming house from which they are certified.
- C. The Commissioner of the County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to § C28-4A of the Suffolk County Charter, to construct dog runs for the use of families with pet dogs within Coindre Hall, as more specifically described in Exhibit A whether leashed or unleashed.
- D. The Commissioner of the County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to § C28-4A of the Suffolk County Charter, to construct dog runs for the use of families with pet dogs within West Hills County Park, and Blydenburgh County Park in the Town of Smithtown, consistent with the provisions of § 378-4A(5) of the Suffolk County Code.
- E. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, require any person in or seeking admission to county park property to produce satisfactory proof of residence or ownership of property or otherwise as may be relevant and, without liability, may exclude anyone failing to submit such proof.
- F. All persons shall obey all rules and regulations established by the Commissioner for the use of all facilities and activities.

378-4. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- A. No person in a county park shall:
- (1) Willfully destroy, injure, deface, damage, remove or displace any county real or personal property.
 - (2) Deposit or leave any bottles, cans, boxes, paper, rubbish, garbage, waste or trash in the park or waters in or contiguous thereto, but all such shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided, and where such receptacles are not provided, it shall be carried away by the person responsible for its presence.
 - (3) Be under the influence of intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs.
 - (4) Carry a knife upon his person having a blade three (3) inches or longer in length or bring in or discharge any fireworks, gun, rifle, shotgun, air gun, BB gun, bow

and arrows or firearms, except in the case of police officers, the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriffs, park police, authorized park personnel, or a person given express authorization.

- (5) Bring in or permit any horses, cattle, livestock or domestic animals of any kind in or on any parkland, except that a dog or cat may be permitted to use County parkland on a leash, in areas designated for such use. No dogs shall be permitted off leash while outside of an authorized dog run area that is fenced in, bordered by natural boundaries or otherwise segregated from other park users. Horses may be permitted on approved trails and special permits must be obtained from the Commissioner for any events involving horses, dogs, etc. No animals shall be allowed at large, except as provided in this section.
- (6) Conduct any business, solicitation or advertising except licensed concessionaires or others when granted permission by the Commissioner or his designee.
- (7) Build or set fires except under rules and in areas designated by park personnel.
- (8) Enter or use areas closed to public use or use any area in violation of posted notices.
- (9) Engage in indecent or disorderly conduct or disturb or interfere with other persons occupying any area under authority of a permit.
- (10) Fail to comply with directions or instructions of the Commissioner, his representatives, park attendants, park police, lifeguards and police officers.
- (11) Trap, kill, catch, injure or pursue any wild birds or wild animals except as authorized by the Commissioner.
- (12) Play any game of chance or bring into any park or use, play, sell or have in his possession any implement or device used for gambling purposes.
- (13) Make any mechanical repairs or do any work on any motor vehicle in any park, except repairs of an emergency nature.
- (14) Pour or cause to spill or permit to escape, in any park, any oil, gas, salt, acid or other deleterious substance, whether liquid, solid or gaseous.
- (15) Horses shall be well-broken and ridden only with bridle and saddle and shall not be ridden in a reckless manner. Horseback riding is permitted only in certain designated parks and, in those parks, only on those routes and trails specifically established for that purpose. Any person hiring a horse at riding stables licensed by the Commissioner shall obey any or regulations of said licensee regarding the use of said horse.
- (16) Prune, cut, carry away, pull up, dig, fell, bore, chop, saw, chip, pick, move, sever, climb, molest, take, break, deface, destroy, set fire to, burn, scorch, carve, paint, mark or in any manner interfere with, tamper, mutilate, misuse, disturb or damage any tree, shrub, plant, grass, flower or any specimen of floral or faunal life except when specifically authorized by the

Commissioner for scientific, educational or other purpose.

- (17) Bring beer, ale or other alcoholic beverages into any park where such is specifically prohibited, except by special written permission of the Commissioner or his designee.
- (18) Engage in any cutting of wood except as authorized by the Commissioner or his designee.
- (19) Exhibit, sell or offer for sale or hire any object, merchandise or service except pursuant to a permit issued by the Commissioner. No photographs or motion pictures shall be taken for advertising, commercial or publicity purposes except pursuant to a permit.
- (20) Obstruct or interfere with any lifeguard or other park employee in the performance of his duties.
- (21) Enter, remain or loiter in any comfort station or other public structure in a park area except to use such facility for the purpose for which it is intended.
- (22) Play baseball, football, tennis or frisbee throwing or engage in any game or sport except if permitted and done only upon the grounds provided for such purpose, nor shall any person throw stones or any other object not intrinsic to such sport.
- (23) Operate any motor-powered plane, rocket device, sail device or unlicensed vehicle unless authorized to do so in writing by the Commissioner or his designee.
- (24) Use electronic amplification equipment except by prior permit. Bands or other group activities using amplified equipment will be permitted only after application in person at the administration office at West Sayville. At no time may the volume of the sound interfere with the enjoyment of others in the park.

378-5. BUSES.

Buses, in the discretion of the Commissioner, whether operating on a schedule or charter basis, shall enter the park only after first obtaining from the Commissioner or his designee a permit upon application therefor in such form and containing such information as the Commissioner may prescribe. No bus shall load, unload, or park except in accordance with directions of the Commissioner and park attendants. Such permits will be issued only to buses transporting passengers who are authorized to enter the park under the rules and regulations.

378-6. RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES.

No person in a park shall:

- A. Bathe or swim in any waters in or adjacent to the park except at places designated therefor and in compliance with all rules prescribed and during hours designated by the Commissioner.
- B. Dress or undress in the park or in any toilet or other place except such bathhouses as may be provided for that purpose.
- C. Use the shore for dockage except as authorized by the Commissioner or his designee.
- D. Fish or hunt except from or on areas designated by regula-